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1. COMATT MET WITH FUJIYAMA (MITI) AT HIS REQUEST TO DISCUSS GOJ POSITION RE POLLUTER PAYS PRINCIPLE (PPP) AT JULY 1-3 OECD MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

2. FUJIYAMA CONFIRMED MITI/EPA POSITION AND RATIONALE AS EXPRESSED TO ABUHL DURING RECENT VISIT (REFTEL). EXPECTS GOJ TO ADOPT WITHOUT CHANGE.

3. IN EXPLAINING GOJ VIEW, FUJIYAMA STRESSED THAT GOJ ACCEPTS PPP AND HAS ACTED WITHIN OVERALL FRAMEWORK AS PRESENTLY AGREED INTERNATIONALLY.
IN VIEW OF DIFFERENCES IN SEVERITY
OF COUNTRIES' POLLUTION PROBLEMS, DIVERSITY OF
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REMEDIAL APPROACHES BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS, HOWEVER,

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FUJIYAMA BELIEVES THAT DECLARATION ON PPP SHOULD NOT BE SO DETAILED AND RESTRICTIVE AS TO PROHIBIT COUNTRIES FROM IMPLEMENTING EFFECTIVE ANTI-POLLUTION ACTIVITIES. HE VIEWS JAPAN'S POLLUTION PROBLEM AS SEVERE, ITS REGULATORY MEASURES RIGID, AND THUS THE GOJ'S SUBSIDIES NECESSARY.

5. COMATT AGREED FORWARD COMMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN, AS WELL AS U.S. G. RESPONSE IF ANY.
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